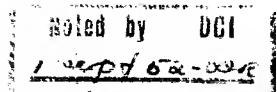


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August 29, 1952

Dear General Smith:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your kind letter of August 26, 1952, regarding the survey which Mr. Coyne made, at your request, of the CIA Security Office. Mr. Coyne is on leave but I shall be most happy to transmit your commendation to him upon his return.

It is gratifying to me both personally and officially to know that Mr. Coyne's survey and report will be of great value to the Central Intelligence Agency. We in this office, as you know, are always pleased to assist in any way we can the important work of CIA.

With thanks for Mr. Coyne and myself for your very kind letter, and best personal regards,

Sincerely,



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JAMES S. LAY, Jr.
Executive Secretary

General Walter B. Smith
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington

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Mr. James S. Lay
 Executive Secretary
 The National Security Council
 Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lay:

In June of this year, I requested the services of Mr. J. Patrick Coyne of your office to survey for me the Agency Security Office in order to determine the adequacy of our security policies and procedures and their implementation. The request was based upon Mr. Coyne's specialized and highly professional qualifications in the internal security and investigative fields.

This survey has been completed and through you I desire to commend Mr. Coyne for an excellent report, the implementation of which will be of great value to the entire Agency. Mr. Coyne devoted many hours of his own time to an intimate inspection and analysis of security operations and to a clear and concise appraisal of their effectiveness. In doing this he commanded the utmost admiration and respect of my officials associated with him and my own high esteem.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for your cooperation in making Mr. Coyne available and I would appreciate it if you would forward this commendation to Mr. Coyne.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter H. Smith
 Director

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